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I am glad that there is a national product more valuable than gold or silver, more valuable than cotton or wheat or corn or iron—an ideal.—William Jennings Bryan.

What a brilliant idea that is to put an additional price on every attractive lawn in the city of Honolulu!

Surely law and order will respond to the appeal of eight hundred school children of the Kalihi district, and chauffeurs must obey.

The man who framed the scheme for charging an additional water rate for irrigating lawns is entitled to a monument on Nuuanu dam bearing the title, "The Honolulu Lawn Killer."

Think of it! After paying three prices for the construction of the dams and the works, Honolulu property owners are to be saddled with additional water rates, or leave their lawns to dry up.

It is gratifying to learn through the courts that the City and County of Honolulu has some right to do something besides pay salaries and follow the ancient and expensive system of road-building handed down from the Territory.

William Randolph Hearst sends out an emissary to say that all his following will return to the Democratic party if his principles are adopted by the Democracy. Is there anyone on earth who would not get into line on those terms?

Republicans of Indiana and Democrats of California are quite agreed in their views on the tariff. So all that is left for Republicans and Democrats to do is fight among themselves. And at last accounts they were attending to the duty of the hour most beautifully.

Sugar comes in under the new Insurgency-Democratic tariff principle all right. Our sugar costs more to produce than the European sugar, and our consumers pay nearly a cent a pound less than the European; therefore, the tariff on sugar should be raised. All of which is just as logical as one-half the tariff arguments.

Governor Peary says that it is possible for a man to become wealthy without injuring his fellowmen. Nearly every wealthy man who has had the courage to speak his mind is on record to the contrary. So the nine hundred and ninety-nine silent ones will receive the words of Hawaii's Governor as tidings of comfort and joy.

Honolulu extends its congratulations to Mr. Tokieda and his associates of the Yokohama Specie Bank. Their new building is proof that they appreciate the certainty of Honolulu's business future, and they are showing their good will by using a part of their share in our prosperity for the construction of a most attractive business block.

Superintendent Campbell's announcement of an additional charge for lawn irrigation is the first note of a foolish campaign to destroy the beauty of Honolulu homes. There is no need for this action. The public has not called for it. The water works of this city are not being operated at a loss. The whole thing is a fool attempt to turn one of the departments of the government into a money-making institution and furnish another forcible argument for the speedy transfer of the Honolulu water works from the control of the Territory, where it has been outrageously mismanaged, to the City and County of Honolulu, where the taxpayers will at least be saved from the exhibition now presented of crowding the monumental and expensive follies of Nuuanu dam with an arbitrary order forcing householders to new expense for the privilege of keeping their lawns green and their homes attractive.

## GOOD FOR NEW YORK, WHY NOT FOR HAWAII?

Every theoretical supporter of good government in Honolulu said "hear, hear" in a loud voice after reading the declaration of Governor Hughes of New York against the corrupt men and corrupt forces that have been brought into the limelight again in his State. How many of these theorists believe that Governor Hughes' solution of the reign of error may be "all right for New York," but does not apply to Honolulu.

We commend the good government forces of this city and Territory to a perusal of what Governor Hughes said, always bearing in mind who it was that defeated the direct primary movement in two Legislatures elected by the people of Hawaii.

"I am," he said, "a Republican, strongly attached to my party and earnest in the desire for Republican success. But I cherish a concern deeper and more vital than that. I want to see the ill-effects of privilege frustrated, bribery and corrupt arrangements destroyed and the market places, where governmental favor has been bought and sold, converted into true assemblies of honest representatives of the people."

To remedy the foul conditions which are known to exist the Governor advocates publicity and direct primaries, and this is what the self-assertive supporters of real good government in Hawaii should carefully take home to themselves. "The single aim," declared Governor Hughes, "of political corruptionists is to place in office men who will do their bidding, upon whom they can depend to further their interests. These generally are not party interests, but purely personal interests, and the stamp of the dollar is on most of them."

"I favor a plan of direct nominations by which party candidates for elective offices shall be chosen directly by the secret vote of the party voters. I also favor the election of members of party committees by the direct vote of the party voters."

Let the people of Hawaii who are just plainly honest remember that the most successful, though not always open, opposition to the direct primary law in this Territory has come during two sessions of the Legislature from the persons loudest in their calls for "good government," which is to them "government by a few of us."

That is the brand of government that has corrupted New York.

## LA FOLLETTE AND TAFT.

Coincident with the report that President Taft will not visit Indianapolis on account of his fear that he might cause trouble in the Republican party comes the story that Mr. Taft will endeavor to prevent the reelection of Senator La Follette.

This is mighty dangerous business in which the President is engaging, and from more than one indication he and the stalwarts in whose behalf he appears to be acting stand a good chance to get the worst of it. The temper of the Indiana Republicans is shown in the tariff plank of their platform that so displeases Mr. Taft. Beveridge is not leading the van so much as he is shaping his course to meet public opinion.

History has proved that it is a very hard matter to frighten La Follette. Roosevelt had an experience at that and came off second best. Party lines are not hard and fast in Wisconsin, and La Follette has a large following among the Democrats. During the campaign of 1904 the Republicans split, the stalwarts withdrawing from the State convention, and they were by the request of President Roosevelt recognized by the Republican National Convention. Roosevelt was promptly notified that if he did not keep out of the factional trouble the State would be delivered to the Democrats. He looked into the matter and decided that it was best to lay aside the big stick. He didn't interfere so that anyone could notice it. Finally the Supreme Court of the State decided

in favor of the La Follette men, and party men attacked earlier. The people of the State retained Roosevelt's interference and the only Theodore has never regained his popularity in Wisconsin.

Now Taft is said to be following in the route marked for those who do the right thing at the wrong time. Wisconsin names its United States Senators in the direct primary, and if, as reported, President Taft stumps the State against La Follette, there will be real trouble for Mr. Taft and the Republican party in Wisconsin.

Some of our elder statesmen seem to be forgetting in these days that the Republican party has held its strength and gained its greatest successes by being sufficiently elastic to meet public opinion on national questions and thus be thoroughly representative.

One of the secrets of Roosevelt's great success was that he knew when to quit if he found himself going contrary to the general drift of public sentiment. La Follette's career is a hand-writing on the wall. He is the original Progressive Republican. Despised as he may be by good men and stalwarts, it is nevertheless a fact that he was the only man in Taft's Republican national convention who created any enthusiasm; he was the only man in whose favor a stampede was threatened. La Follette was "insurgent" long before Beveridge, Cummins, Dooliver and various other good men saw the light and were convinced.

These men represent a force in national politics that will not be restrained at the command of Mr. Taft or the Republican party. Such a restraint will result in an eventual explosion that will rip the whole organization wide open.

Political parties from the very nature of popular government must be responsive to public opinion if they expect to meet success. And that applies to the little politics of Hawaii as well as the great national affairs in which the Presidents, ex-Presidents and Senators figure.

## EAGLES HAVE BIG CROWD AT SHOW

Last night at the K. P. Hall the Eagles held one of their enjoyable annual socials, and about three hundred members and friends dropped in during the evening and had a good time.

There were many amateur performers and most of the stunts were good. Bob Ross recited an Australian poem in his best style and made quite a hit with that section of the audience which could hear him. Contractor Chalmers was another eloquentist and he chose a humorous subject for his turn. At least that is what some one near the stage said—it was impossible to hear anything from the back of the hall as the talking never seemed to cease.

A soldier from the transport sang a couple of songs that brought down the house and he was encored several times. A banjo solo was well rendered by a well known colored musician and for an encore he gave an imitation of a train pulling in and out of a station.

Henry Vierra was, of course, on deck, and his impersonation of a Chinese was immense. He also joined with a partner in a Japanese sketch and it was also good.

Mike Paton was a host in himself and his songs and monologues were well received. Mike is as good as any professional at the game, and he always makes good at a show.

The little girls from the Park Theater did a couple of turns, and they were well rewarded for their efforts. Their songs and dances went well and were much enjoyed. In fact the whole evening was a success and everybody had a good time.

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## FAMILY ROW Aired IN POLICE COURT

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The charge was altered to plain assault and battery and Senator Chillingworth, who defended the four accused—two of whom were women—succeeded in getting three of his clients off and the fourth fined a small amount.

The whole affair was a family squabble that resulted from the picking of a few mangoes that grew in Abreu's yard. The officer got mixed up in the scrap, and then, losing his head, called up the patrol wagon and took the whole bunch to the police station.

Judge Andrade stated in court this morning that Abreu had gotten involved in a row as a private person, and that then he had used his standing as a police officer to get even with his neighbors and relatives. The judge furthermore stated that the whole matter should have been fixed up at home, and that the bringing of

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these family rows to the Police Court was a nuisance to everybody.

## KAWAHARA GUILTY MURDER 2ND DEGREE

At the Waialua Circuit Court this morning Kawahara, a Japanese who was charged with murder in the first degree, was found guilty of murder in the second degree, and he will be sentenced tomorrow. Attorney Dou thitt, of the firm of Douthitt & Coke, appeared in the accused man, who it will be remembered, killed his wife at Waialua some months ago.



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